GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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ECO-TOURISM IN UTTARANCHAL REGION OF UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a): whether the tourism in Uttaranchal region of Uttar Pradesh has so far been confirmed to mere religious and cultural pilgrimages and tours and its potential for eco-tourism remains yet to be exploited;

(b) : if so, the present tourist traffic, including foreign tourists; and

(c): the steps taken/being taken to attract foreign and Indian tourists to exploit the potential for eco-tourism?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a): No Sir. However, the Central Department of Tourism promotes tourism including, religious, cultural, pilgrimages and Eco-Tourism etc in the country in consultation with State/UTs Governments.

(b) : Estimated domestic and foreign tourist arrivals in the State of Uttar Pradesh for last two years are given below:-

Year	Domestic Arrival	Foreign Arrival	Total
1998	41567000	783000	42350000
1999	45723700	822150	46545850

(c): The Central Department of Tourism has formulated `Eco-Tourism Policy and Guidelines` which has been endorsed for implementation by all the State Governments and Union Territories. In addition Eco-Tourism projects proposed by State/U.Ts. Governments are provided Central Financial Assistance on the basis of their inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

Eco-tourism attractions in the country are given wide publicity in the country as well as in overseas to attract tourists.